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## THE STRUGGLE FOR POWER IN EGYPT

### I. Proclamation of Republic Result of Power Struggle:

- A. Republic proclaimed on 18 June.
- B. Strengthened position of Colonel Nasr, decline of General Nagib.
- C. Proclamation precipitated by internal struggle within Revolutionary Command Council especially tense in ten days preceding 18 June.

### II. Position of Nasr:

- A. Role within Revolutionary Command Council -- actual leader -- 35-years-old, strongly nationalistic -- quiet but dynamic.

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B. Present position as result of cabinet changes -- vice premier and minister of interior.

C. Three close supporters occupy key positions --

Major Salah Salam -- early thirties -- minister of national guidance and Sudanese affairs.

Wing Commander Abdul Baghdadi -- 35-years-old -- minister of war and marine.

Major Hakim Amir -- 33-years-old -- commander in chief of the Egyptian armed forces.

D. Future intentions -- Plans to become premier in two months. Also wants to be named vice-president.

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III. Position of Nagib:

- A. Original position. Selected to lead junior officers in movement against army corruption.
- B. Present position. Premier and president with considerable popular following.
- C. Future role -- uncertain. Figurehead of struggle with Nasr. Widespread dissatisfaction in army over top positions assigned to Nasr supporters may indicate future trouble.

IV. Implications for the Future:

- A. Domestic problems:
  - 1. Interference of young and inexperienced officers will now increase.

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2. Problem of administrative efficiency likewise increased

3. Great need for experienced guidance in economic field. No indication that it will be forthcoming.

B. Anglo-Egyptian relations:

1. Salam, young, headstrong officer, appointed minister of Sudanese affairs.

2. Probable increased Egyptian activity in the Sudan.

3. Nasr group represents faction opposed to negotiated settlement of canal question.

C. Prospects for Suez settlement lessened.